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January & February 2022

Baltimore has glorious libraries. I'm a heavy user of your database and streaming services, but nothing beats a physical library.

Anne B.

My library card is among my most precious possessions and access to the library is among my most treasured of accommodations. I have learned and strive to learn more within those walls than any school has ever taught me.

Robert B.

I love the library, every time I've been to any branch librarians have been helpful, friendly, and excited to recommend things to me or direct me where I want to go.

Quinn K.

The employees were very kind and helpful.

Stacey G.

PRATT TEST KITCHEN

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Always a great experience. Love the diversity in staff and the librarians are always helpful. Also excellent customer service.

Imani M.

BOOKLOVERS AT THE PRATT

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It's a gorgeous building. The staff is always polite, helpful, and knowledgeable. The collection of books is huge: I can often find all the old books of an author I'm encountering for the first time. It's a real treasure.

Anita S.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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TUESDAY, MARCH 1

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and submission guidelines at
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LETTER FROM THE CEO

Happy 2022 to all our customers! I'm excited for a big year at your library. 2022 will continue to look different as we focus on keeping our staff and customers safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. The library is committed to finding new and innovative ways to serve our customers.

To that end, we are thrilled to partner with the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks to provide a pop-up library at the Rita Church Community Center. This pop-up will be in place as some much-needed improvements happen at our nearby Clifton branch. We hope to work with Rec & Parks staff to provide programs for the community and tech support in their computer lab. We'll also have a small collection popular books available for check-out on site.

We're also excited to welcome back our in-person Booklovers event, which kicks off Black History Month programming at the Pratt. The event will look a little different this year, as we can't serve breakfast for safety reasons. Booklovers at the Pratt will be held at the Central Library on February 5 featuring author Imbolo Mbue. We look forward to this event all year, and I personally cannot wait to give shout-outs to our many book clubs that participate. We're hopeful Booklovers' Breakfast will be back in full force in 2023.

Throughout this issue in honor of Valentine's Day, you'll see some lovely customer comments about the Pratt. This is a true testament to the phenomenal work our staff does every single day. I'm so thankful for the love Baltimore shows its libraries. We feel incredibly grateful for all the customers who will come through our doors in this new year.

Heidi Daniel, *President & CEO, Enoch Pratt Free Library*

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DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

MEET M'BALU "LU" BANGURA, THE NEW PRATT DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION OFFICER

What is your background in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion work?

I began my career in DEI as a Risk Analyst/Civil Rights Investigator for the City of Tacoma. In this role, not only was I the only employment investigator for the city, it was also my responsibility to assess and reduce risks to equity. I played an instrumental role in the creation of Tacoma's Relocation Assistance Program, which provides moving costs to tenants who were displaced by no fault of their own. I facilitated citywide Equity 101 training and made the business case for gender-neutral bathrooms and the creation of the Immigrant and Refugee Commission. In 2018, I joined the Office of Civil Rights and Wage Enforcement as a Community Relations Representative. I was hired by former Director, Senator Jill Carter to help bring down the case numbers, which I successfully did.

During my time as an investigator, my focus was always people and helping people feel whole again if they were wronged. Because of this dedication I not only led the division in case closures, I facilitated the highest settlement agreement in the history of the Community Relations Commission, to date. In 2019, former Mayor Young decided to change the Office of Civil Rights and Wage Enforcement to the Office of Equity and Civil Rights in an effort to emphasize our added focus on equity. With this restructuring and due to my past experience in rolling out an Equity Initiative, I was appointed the city's Equity Specialist. During this time I created Baltimore's first city-wide Agency Self-Assessment and the city's first Annual Equity Report. As Equity Specialist, I also planned and organized monthly equity training for agency Equity Coordinators. My passion for DEI has put me on a path where I am continuously searching to gain more knowledge and further my expertise in the subject matter. Apart from on-going professional development, I am currently a student in UB's Doctorate in Public Administration program where my focus is operationalizing equity for sustainability.

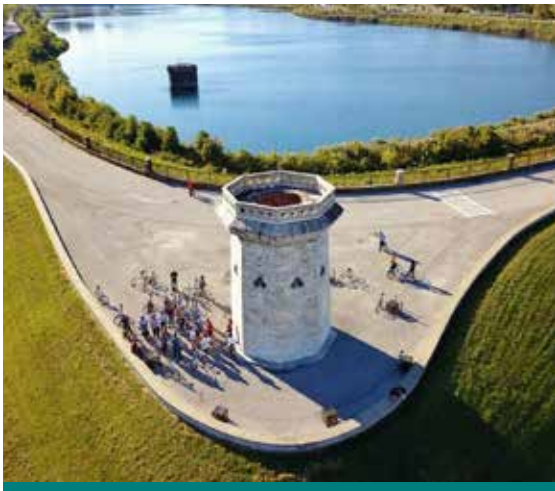
Why is it so important for libraries, and other organizations to have dedicated staff focused on DEI?

Today, libraries have moved far past a place to simply check out books. Libraries across the nation are implementing new programs and outreach initiatives targeted at making our communities stronger and focused on helping constituents work towards self-fulfilled lives. EPFL in particular has a host of programs and outreach initiatives that engage Baltimore's many diverse, unique, and underserved communities. Because of this, not only is it vital that we are equitable in our distribution of resources, but it is also important that our staff feels valued. My motto is "Equity starts at home," and if we want to be effective in the community, we must also make sure we are dedicated to embedding DEI internally. This is how you begin to operationalize equity in an organization. Operationalizing DEI is a huge lift; it requires the creation of initiatives to proactively change the policies, practices, programs, and systems that create barriers to prosperity and well-being for diverse communities. Dedicated staff ensures that the work is managed and prioritized. To create meaningful change, DEI cannot be considered an "additional duty," it must be an essential duty and that requires fully dedicated staff.

What are your top priorities in this position?

My goal is to help EPFL become leaders in advancing DEI efforts externally and internally. I plan to fully support the CEO's mission of prioritizing people, advancing DEI strategy, and cultivating a work environment that allows our people to grow and bring their best selves to work everyday. My top priorities are: leadership and staff training, policy review, an Equity Action Plan, transparent reporting, setting quantifiable metrics, and a focus on internal employee relations.

Learn more about the Pratt's DEI work at prattlibrary.org



ROLAND PARK CIVIC LEAGUE SPEAKER SERIES: ETHAN ABBOTT, RAILS-TO-TRAILS CONSERVANCY

Thursday, January 6, 6:30 p.m.
Roland Park

Joins us as we speak to Ethan Abbott, Project Manager, Baltimore Greenway Trails Network, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy. Following brief remarks, Ethan will answer questions from the community moderated by Civic League President Claudia Diamond.

Only 10 miles of the 35-mile Baltimore Greenway Trail Network remain to be completed. Once completed, the Greenway will link 75 neighborhoods across the City and redefine the way Baltimore City thinks about access, connectivity, and equity. Ernst & Young has projected that the $28 million expansion investment will result in a $314 million increase in property values, a $113 million increase in annual local business activity, substantial health benefits, and major reductions in automobile trips.

About the speaker: Ethan Abbott is the Project Manager for the Baltimore Greenway Trail Network, a 35-mile network of multi-use trails that will link together the city's diverse neighborhoods, cultural amenities, and outdoor resources while providing residents with increased connectivity and accessibility.

Space is limited; please call the Roland Park Branch 410-396-6059 to register.

THE PRATT: THEN AND NOW

THE PRATT CONTINUES TO GROW WITH AND SERVE THE CITY OF BALTIMORE

When we think about the Pratt Library, what comes to mind might be very different for each of us. For some it may be a cozy neighborhood branch, for others the grand Central Library or a bustling community anchor on a busy street corner.

With 22 branches across the city, the Pratt Library's locations are as varied and unique as the customers who use their resources. Maintaining these facilities and ensuring that equipment and collections are optimal for each community's needs are two of the Library's primary focuses. Thinking ahead and adapting to change and new challenges — such as the pandemic — is vital.

Thankfully, the Library has generous partners by its side to help supplement city funding, which only covers larger overhauls. Contributors to the Library's Branch Improvement Fund have helped the Pratt fund an array of projects in the past few years that have created new opportunities for customers from all corners of Baltimore City.

HAMILTON COURTYARD

Before

After

MURALS

Walbrook

Orleans Street

Hamilton

PATTERSON PARK

Before

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CHILDREN'S AREAS

Brooklyn: Before

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Thank you for your support! To contribute to the Pratt Library Branch Improvement Fund visit prattlibrary.org/donate.

Orleans Street: Before

Orleans Street: After

Walbrook: Before

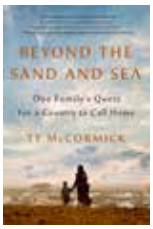
Walbrook: After

AUTHOR EVENTS

Some events require registration, visit calendar.prattlibrary.org to register. ASL interpretation will be available to attendees. Copies of most books are available for purchase from the Ivy Bookshop. Parking information is available at prattlibrary.org

Due to the evolving health restrictions, library programs may be moved to a virtual platform. Please check **prattlibrary.org** before attending a library program.

WRITERS LIVE!



TY MCCORMICK

Beyond the Sand and Sea

Thursday, January 13, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium

Beyond the Sand and Sea is an extraordinary and inspiring book for anyone searching for pinpricks of light in the darkness. Meticulously reported over three years, it reveals the strength of a family of Somali refugees who never lost faith in America — and exposes the broken refugee resettlement system that kept that family trapped for more than two decades and has turned millions into permanent exiles.

WRITERS LIVE!

RON TANNER

Far West

Wednesday, January 26, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library Wheeler Auditorium

Ron Tanner will be in conversation with Geoff Becker. The 10 stories in Ron Tanner's new collection, *Far West*, range widely — from a ruined fashion shoot in Baja California to a thwarted romance on a Pacific island. Quirky, funny, and sometimes near-tragic, these tales explore the idea of "frontier," both emotional and geographic, as Tanner's characters test the boundaries of their ambitions and strive mightily to realize their ever-elusive (American) dream.

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Q&A WITH IMBOLO MBUE, FEATURED AUTHOR OF BOOKLOVERS AT THE PRATT

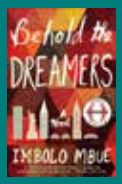
Your program kicks off Black History Month at the Pratt. What does that mean to you?
It is such an honor and privilege for me to be invited to be part of the Black History Month celebration at the Pratt! As a Black immigrant, I am in awe of what African Americans have achieved in this country despite their struggles, and how they continue to carry on and serve as inspiration for people around the world.

Your books have some of the highest check-out rates at the Pratt Library. Why do you think your stories resonate with so many people?
Well, that is very delightful to hear! I'm so grateful to libraries that carry my books and patrons who read them. I suppose my stories resonate with different people for different reasons. All I've ever hoped to do as a writer was to tell stories straight from my heart and to do so honestly and completely.

What impact have libraries had in your life?
I grew up in a country where public libraries were pretty much nonexistent, so it was a thrill for me to come to America and discover these sacred places called public libraries. In my first months here, I spent countless hours in public libraries, as being surrounded by books made me feel a little less homesick.

Many of our Booklovers attendees are in book clubs. Your book *Behold the Dreamers* was a selection for Oprah's Book Club. What would be some of your book club selections this year?
I read many great books this year. Two of my favorites were Nadia Owusu's *Aftershocks* and Rebecca Carroll's *Surviving the White Gaze*. They're both works of nonfiction dealing with the relationship between parents and children, race, identity, and so much more. I believe they would be excellent book club selections, especially for Black History Month

BOOKLOVERS AT THE PRATT
February 5, 10:00 a.m – 12:00 p.m.
Imbolo Mbue will be in conversation with M'balu Bangura. Tickets: $15 | Seating is limited to 200 people to maintain social distancing. Tickets on sale now! Visit prattlibrary.org for more information.



Check out Imbolo Mbue's books, *Behold the Dreamers* and *How Beautiful We Were* from the Pratt!

Writers LIVE! programs are supported in part by a bequest from The Miss Howard Hubbard Adult Programming Fund and the William G. Baker, Jr. Memorial Fund, creator of the Baker Artist Portfolios, www.BakerArtist.org.

YOUR PRATT JOURNEY

WESLEY'S JOURNEY

I was first introduced to the Library in elementary school through a monthly deposit collection that was always anticipated with excitement. The treasures the little wooden box contained were just the beginning. Regular visits to the Library followed with outings to the old Hamilton Branch, the new Northwood Branch, and, yes, the Central Library. Visits to the Central Library were the ultimate, indescribable adventure. My parents smiled when I compared the Central Library grandeur to a train station — little did I know.

"Visits to the Central Library were the ultimate, indescribable adventure."

Fast forward to the all-anticipated graduation from high school and the hopes for college. I find myself sitting on one of the beautiful black marble benches on the second floor of the Central Library. I am waiting for an interview to become a page, someone who shelves books. This would be a temporary position if I was fortunate, knowing that a career as an art teacher was my future.

My journey forever changed. I was immediately in awe of not just the diversity of books and information available but the staff who eagerly with incredible dedication made this and more available to everyone. Library staff were magicians, masters of information, not gatekeepers, but those whose sole purpose was to make certain everyone had the key to whatever they needed. Did I become an art teacher? No. I wanted more than anything to be a part of the library founded by Enoch Pratt and that special staff, which I am honored to have been for many years.

Yes, a train station! The Library is the free place where we all go as we plan our destination or need help along the way. Who we are or what our destination is does not matter. What matters is what the Library gives freely to help us on our way. Your journey and yes, your destination starts here — it did for me!

Wesley Wilson is the Chief of the Central Library/State Library Resource Center. He first joined the Pratt Library as a page in 1969. Wilson retires from the Pratt in January of 2022. We thank him for his dedicated service to the citizens of Maryland.

POP-UP PRATT

We are excited to announce a partnership with the Baltimore City Department of Recreation & Parks this winter to provide a Pop-Up Library at the Rita R. Church Community Center in the Clifton neighborhood. The Pratt will provide a small collection of books available for check-out. We also hope to work with Rec & Parks staff to provide neighborhood programming and tech support in the computer lab. The pop-up will happen as some repair work closes our Clifton branch.

Keep an eye on prattlibrary.org for more details.

Rita R. Church Community Center is located at 2101 St. Lo Drive.

Photo courtesy of Baltimore City Department of Recreation & Parks.

We want to hear your Pratt journey! Email us your Pratt story at journey@prattlibrary.org and it may get published in *Compass*.

I'm always happy with my experience at the library! Staff is friendly and there is so much great material.

Brianne G.

We love our librarians! They are always very helpful with finding the right kinds of books — especially for my kids. Everyone who works at the libraries are always very helpful, friendly, and kind.

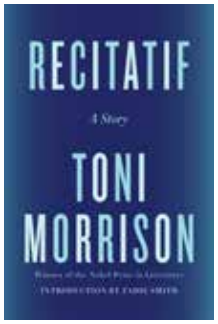
Jennifer B.

WHAT'S NEW

Here's the most anticipated books of January and February that you can check out at the Pratt.

The Paris Apartment by Lucy Foley

Jess needs a fresh start. Her half-brother Ben didn't sound thrilled when she asked if she could crash with him for a bit, but he didn't say no, and surely everything will look better from Paris. Only when she shows up, he's not there. The longer Ben stays missing, the more Jess starts to dig into her brother's situation, and the more questions she has.

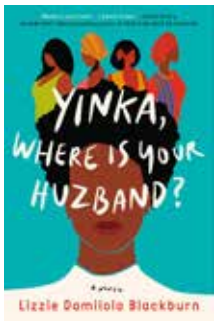


Recitatif by Toni Morrison

A remarkable look into what keeps us together and what keeps us apart, and how perceptions are made tangible by reality, *Recitatif* is a gift to readers in these changing times.

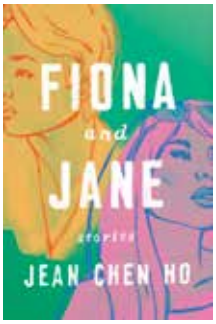
Violeta by Isabel Allende

This sweeping novel from the *New York Times*-bestselling author of *A Long Petal of the Sea* tells the epic story of Violeta Del Valle, a woman whose life spans 100 years and bears witness to the greatest upheavals of the twentieth century.



Yinka, Where is Your Huzband? by Lizzie Damilola Blackburn

Yinka's Nigerian aunties frequently pray for her delivery from singledom, her work friends think she's too traditional (she's saving herself for marriage!), her girlfriends think she needs to get over her ex already, and the men in her life...well, that's a whole other story. But Yinka herself has always believed that true love will find her when the time is right.

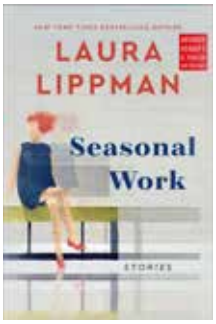


Fiona and Jane: Stories by Jean Chen Ho

Spanning countries and selves, *Fiona and Jane* is an intimate portrait of a friendship, a deep dive into the universal perplexities of being young and alive, and a bracingly honest account of two Asian women who dare to stake a claim on joy in a changing, contemporary America.

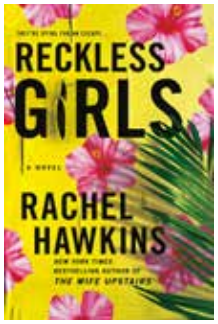
Greenwich Park by Katherine Faulkner

Helen has it all... Daniel is the perfect husband. Rory is the perfect brother. Serena is the perfect sister-in-law. And Rachel? Rachel is the perfect nightmare. Masterfully plotted and utterly addictive, *Greenwich Park* is a dark, compelling look at motherhood, friendships, privilege, and the secrets we keep to protect ourselves.



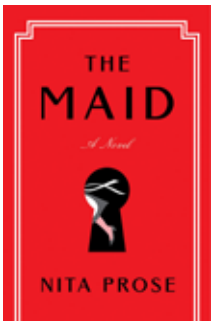
Seasonal Work: Stories by Laura Lippman

In a suspenseful collection of stories featuring fierce women — including one never-before-published novella — *New York Times*-bestseller Laura Lippman showcases why she is one of today's top crime writers.



Reckless Girls by Rachel Hawkins

One island, six visitors, countless secrets. Six stunning twentysomethings are about to embark on a journey filled with sun-drenched days and intoxicating nights. When one person goes missing and another turns up dead, the remaining friends wonder what dark currents lie beneath this impenetrable paradise — and who else will be swept under its secluded chaos.



The Maid by Nita Prose

A charmingly eccentric hotel maid discovers a guest murdered in his bed. Solving the mystery will turn her once orderly world upside down in this utterly original debut. *The Maid* explores what it means to be the same as everyone else and yet entirely different — and reveals that all mysteries can be solved through connection to the human heart.

The selection of books is amazing. You can read and/or listen to books from your home.

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WHAT DOES 2022 HAVE IN STORE FOR YOU?

ADULTS

New Year, New You
January 3 – 15 | Waverly
Need a little help keeping or making a new year's resolution? Borrow a self-help book and get a kit from the Waverly Branch to get started. Kits can be picked up from the Circulation Desk while supplies last.

Take & Make: Handmade Journals
January 3 – 29 | Hampden

The Pique Collective presents "Detach Mode"
Thursday, January 20, 5:30 p.m.
Central Library, Creative Arts Center
Enjoy "Detach Mode" with us: 60 minutes of uninterrupted music and meditation performed by The Pique Collective.

FITNESS

Virtual Yoga for Everyone with Civonnia
Mondays, January 3 – January 31
6:00 p.m. | Virtual
Join BYFree instructor Civonnia for virtual deep breathing, relaxation, basic yoga poses, and stretching — these mixed-level classes are open to those brand new to yoga.

Jamercise with Ginger
Thursdays, January 6 – February 24
4:00 p.m. (No class Feb. 10) | Cherry Hill
Jamercise is an exercise program that combines the benefits of a cardio-aerobic workout with elements of dance.

Zumba
Saturdays, January 8 – February 26
10:30 a.m. | Southeast Anchor
The fitness program consists of short-dance and aerobic-exercise routines performed to popular salsa, hip-hop, and Latin-American music.

Rambling Readers
Thursdays, January 20 & February 17
10:00 a.m. | Central Library
Join a walking book club that covers more than novels! Walking outside is the ultimate exercise and an ideal way to socialize and relieve stress. So engage your physical, social, and mental/intellectual health in one go! Participation is limited, so register at bst@prattlibrary.org or 410-396-5317. Rendezvous outside Central Library.

Qigong Class
Wednesday, February 9, 11:00 a.m.
Central Library, Creative Arts Center
Qigong is the skill or practice of cultivating and balancing one's lifeforce. Movements can be done standing, seated, in wheelchairs, and even in bed! Taught by Mindie of Healing Minutes. Event is limited to 15 participants, so please register at bst@prattlibrary.org or 410-396-5317.

JOBS

The Basics of Starting Your Own Business
Saturday, January 8, 11:00 a.m.
Central Library, Business, Science, & Technology Department
We'll go over the different types of businesses and the pros and cons of each as we share some of our favorite resources. You'll learn how to register your business, plus where to find information on taxes and permits. Have questions? Reach out to the Business Center at bc@prattlibrary.org or by calling 410-396-5317.

New Year, New Resume
Tuesday, January 25, 1:00 p.m.
Washington Village
Spruce up your resume with the help of a Pratt librarian. This indoor program has limited space and pre-registration is required. To register, please call 410-396-1099.

Change Your Career
Thursday, January 27, 5:30 p.m. | Hampden
Learn tips to help you explore and evaluate your options, choose a path, and transfer your existing skills to a new role. This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required. To register, please call 410-396-6043.

TEENS

Teen Take & Make: New Year Vision Boards
January 3 – 31 | Central Library, Earl Teen Center
Start off the new year by creating a dream board of your goals and dreams for 2022.

New Year, New You: A Guide to Mindfulness
Wednesdays, January 5 – 26, 4:00 p.m.
Waverly
Join us in a guided meditation led by Instructor Diana Martinez of Core Connections. No experience necessary! This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required. To register, please call 410-396-6053.

A New Year with Beatriz
Wednesday, January 12, 2:00 p.m. | Forest Park
Join us as we share stories, dance, play games, and talk about this year's One Book Baltimore selection Becoming Beatriz. *This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required. To register, please call 410-396-0942.*

20/22 Vision
Tuesday, January 18, 4:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor
Join us as we create vision boards to help us start the year right and visualize what we want to accomplish this year. This indoor program has limited space and pre-registration is required. Visit prattlibrary.org to register.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Take & Make: Ring In The New Year
January 5 – 15 | Govans
Celebrate New Year 2022 by decorating an origami pocket with your new year's hopes.

Ease with a Squeeze: DIY Stress Balls
Wednesday, January 5, 3:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor
Make your very own stress ball that you can squeeze when you feel overwhelmed. This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required. To register, please call 410-396-1580.

Dancing Through the Day with Laura Schandelmeier
Saturday, January 15, 10:00 a.m. | Virtual
Come dance and sing together!

Quynn Johnson's Tap Live!
Saturday, February 19, 10:00 a.m. | Virtual
This workshop engages children and teachers in ways to create music with their feet. Using elements of tap dance and basic tap steps, participants will enjoy moving together and creating their own rhythms.

Take & Makes are available on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last.
For a full calendar of programs, please visit prattlibrary.org.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MEMORIAL FENCE

For three months, Nadine Seiler stood outside the White House guarding pieces of history. A fence, put up to protect the Executive Mansion, became a place filled with signs, messages, and stories of hope from activists in the Black Lives Matter movement. "They were coming to tell their family's story so I wanted to make sure their voices were heard," Seiler said.

The wall became known as the Black Lives Matter Memorial Fence. Seiler calls herself an "accidental curator."

But in early 2021, fencing around the White House began to come down. Wanting to help preserve history, Seiler helped systemically remove and catalog the signs on the fence and stored them. "I didn't even think about it in terms of history. I just wanted to make sure those people's voices were not lost" she says.

Now, she has teamed up with the Enoch Pratt Free Library and the DC Public Library to digitally scan them to create an online collection. Seiler fills her car with signs and drives them up to Baltimore, where the Pratt Library has state-of-the-art scanning equipment through our Digital Maryland program. The DC Public Library will provide the metadata for the more than 700 signs that are being scanned. "It has truly been a collaboration to see individuals, large institutions, all the people that have fought to make this happen," Pratt Library Digital Resource Manager Jodi Hoover said. "To play a part in that is an amazing feeling."

Photo courtesy of Nadine Seiler

Seiler said she was blown away when she found out the two libraries were willing to take on the massive digitization project for free. "For it being able to be digitized and live on forever, the voices, the angst, the frustration, the love and everything that those people put into making and creating art... I just want it to be able to be seen for generations."

The collection is expected to be fully digitized in 2022. It will be available to view online at both Dig DC and Digital Maryland.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMS

ADULTS

Poetry in Paint
Saturday, February 5, 3:30 p.m. | Light St.
In honor of Langston Hughes's 120th birthday, come create a mixed-media masterpiece inspired by his poetry. This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required. To register, please call the Light Street Branch at 410-396-1096.

Adult Book Discussion: *Native Son* by Richard Wright
Saturday, February 12, 10:00 a.m. | Herring Run

Poetry Online Discussion of Gwendolyn Brooks
Saturday, February 12, 11:00 a.m. | Virtual
Join us online for a discussion of poems by Gwendolyn Brooks, who received the Pulitzer Prize for Annie Allen *(1949).*

Film: *The Hurricane*
Saturday, February 12, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
Denzel Washington plays the part of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, a middleweight boxer, wrongly convicted of a triple murder in a bar in Paterson, New Jersey, in 1966. This biographical drama, released in 1999, covers his arrest, time spent in prison, and the efforts to get him released. Rated R.

Take & Make: Health in Hand
February 14 – 26 | Light St.
In honor of this year's Black History Month theme, Black Health and Wellness, pick up your own DIY wellness journal. Keep track of all your important health information. All supplies provided, including helpful tips about being a self-advocate in your healthcare.

Take & Make African Unity Beaded Bracelet
February 14 – 28 | Reisterstown Rd.
This bracelet kit features the colors of Africa (red, black, yellow, and green) along with beads to spell out "unity" and one peace charm. The bracelet can be worn proudly as a way to show support of unity among all people. A Black History Month bookmark is included. Call 410-396-0948 to request your kit.

Film: *Judas and the Black Messiah*
Saturday, February 19, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
A biographical drama about the chairman of the Illinois Black Panther Party, Fred Hampton, who is betrayed by a pawn of the FBI, William O'Neal, who infiltrated the organization in the late 1960s. Rated R.

Black History Paint-By-Numbers Kit
February 21 – 28 | Waverly
Borrow a book on Black history or the Black experience in America and get a paint-by-numbers kit to enjoy at home. Kits can be picked up from the Circulation Desk.

TEENS

Film: *Selma*
Thursday, January 6, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Rated PG-13. This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required. To register, please call 410-396-0970.

Documentary: *In Remembrance of Martin*
Tuesday, January 18, 3:00 p.m. | Patterson Park

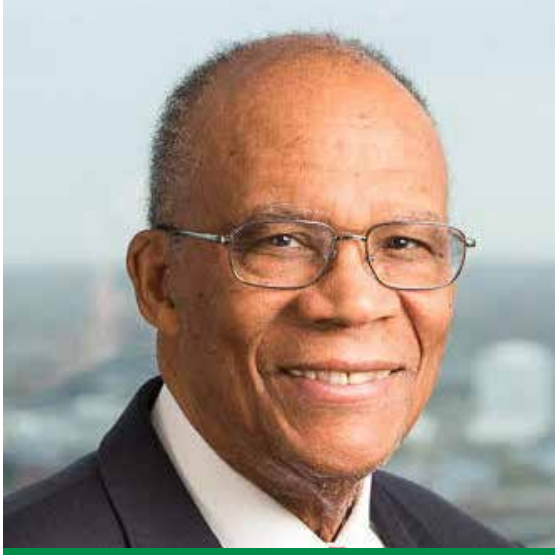
Teen Raid Box: Black History Month
February 1 – 28 | Edmondson Ave.
Each box contains a do-it-yourself Kimoyo bracelet craft, recommended reading list, Black History Month trivia, a themed snack, and more. Availability is limited, so reserve your box today! There is a limit of one box per person and all boxes must be picked up from the Edmondson Avenue Branch within one week of being claimed. Reserve your box at prattlibrary.org or call the Edmondson Avenue branch at 410-396-0946.

Take & Make: Design Your Own Black History Month Button
February 1 – 28 | Govans
Design your own buttons to celebrate Black history and Black futures.

Take & Make: Draw Your Own Super Hero, Black History Month Edition
February 1 – 28 | Govans
Draw your own comics and superheroes using templates and information sheets about famous Black superheroes.

Gallery: Black History Photo Archives
Tuesdays, February 1 – 22 | Cherry Hill
To celebrate Black History Month, the Cherry Hill Branch will present four digital photo collections that archive Black American history. Use the provided scavenger hunt as a guide, or roam the archives freely on our designated computer.

The Ultimate Black History Month Playlist
Feburary 1 – 28 | Waverly
In celebration of Black History Month, help the Waverly Branch compile an audio journey through the history of Black music. Add your favorite Black musical artists and song tracks onto the library's "Music Playlist."



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY LECTURE FEATURING LARRY GIBSON

Saturday, January 15, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
& Virtual

Join us for the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day lecture featuring Larry Gibson.

Larry S. Gibson grew up in Baltimore and attended Howard University, where he was the student government president. In 1967, he earned his law degree from Columbia University. In 1972, he began teaching at the University of Virginia Law School. Two years later, he transferred to the University of Maryland School of Law, where he still teaches. Professor Gibson has researched several exhibits, articles, and newspaper series about Black lawyers and civil rights. His book *Young Thurgood: The Making of a Supreme Court Justice* won a 2013 International Book Award. Under President Carter, Gibson served as Associate Deputy Attorney General. Later this year, he will publish his second book about Thurgood Marshall. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, a Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33° of the Prince Hall Masons, and an Archon of Sigma Pi Phi.

Visit prattlibrary.org for registration information.

ASL interpretation will be available for attendees.

Writers LIVE! programs are supported in part by a bequest from The Miss Hubbard Adult Programming Fund.

Film: *The Hate U Give*
Saturday, February 5, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
Thursday, February 17, 5:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
16-year-old Starr Carter deals with witnessing the killing of her childhood friend by the police. She keeps it a secret from some of her closest friends, partly because she wants to keep her persona intact, thus avoiding alienation at her affluent, predominately white school community at Williamson Prep. Watch as she becomes progressively emboldened to speak out, resulting in some life-threatening repercussions. Rated PG-13.

Film: *Hidden Figures*
Thursday, February 10, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Saturday, February 26, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
The true story of a group of female, African American mathematicians whose input was crucial to NASA during its early years of developing the U.S. space program. Rated PG.

Documentary: *Mr. Civil Rights: Thurgood Marshall and the NAACP*
Tuesday, February 22, 3:00 p.m.
Patterson Park
This PBS Documentary highlights the life of local hero and civil rights champion Thurgood Marshall. The documentary will cover his early days as a lawyer for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required. To register, please call 410-396-0983.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Black History Activity Booklet
February 1 – 28 | Forest Park
From Fannie Lou Hamer and Joe Louis to Nichelle Nichols and John Lewis, we'll explore the world of civil rights heroes of Black history, present, and future. Learn more about the faces and works of notable figures from Black history with puzzles and word games in this activity booklet available for the entire month of February. This Wit Kit supports Grade 2 Module 3 of Wit & Wisdom.

Black History Month Book Bundles
February 1 – 28 | Hampden
Pick up specially curated book bundles to help educate and inspire the children in your life. Each themed bundle will center on a unique subject, and bundles will be organized according by reading level. A variety of bundles will be available for each age group, so you can return each week for a brand new bundle!

Black Egg-cellence Fact Find
February 1 – 28 | Southeast Anchor
In February, there will be facts in eggs hidden throughout the Children's Department about exceptional Black people who contributed to the world of Art, Science, Music, Activisim, Education, and Invention. Find up to three facts, tell a friend or library staff member, and win a prize!

Janice the Griot

Thursday, February 3
4:30 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Join accomplished story teller Janice the Griot as she shares interactive tales from the African and African American experience featuring fun, instruments, puppets, songs, and rhymes. Children will hear tales of Anasi the Spider, Bre'r Rabbit and other tricksters while learning important life lessons.

Maker Mondays Drop In: Black History Edition
Mondays, February 7, 14 & 28, 4:00 p.m.
Central Library, Children's Department
What can you make in 10 minutes? Find out each Monday when we give you a project inspired by Black artists, scientists, adventurers. If room capacity is met, families may wait a short time for space or take home a matching take & make kit.

Collage Day: A Celebration of Romare Bearden
Saturday, February 12, 3:00 p.m. | Waverly
Come learn about an amazing Black artist! We will kick things off with a story about the life and art of Romare Bearden, and then we will make our very own collages. This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required. To register, please call the Waverly Branch at 410-396-6053.

Celebrate Black History Month Magnets
Tuesday, February 15, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Participants will find inspirational quotes or pictures celebrating African American History and use them to make magnets. This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required. To register, please call the Cherry Hill Branch at 410-396-1168.

Storytime: Celebrate Black History Month
Wednesdays, February 16 & 23, 10:30 a.m.
Northwood
Listen to stories about African American heroes and be inspired! This indoor program is limited to 10 participants and pre-registration is required. To register, please call the Northwood Branch at 410-396-6076.

AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN 2022

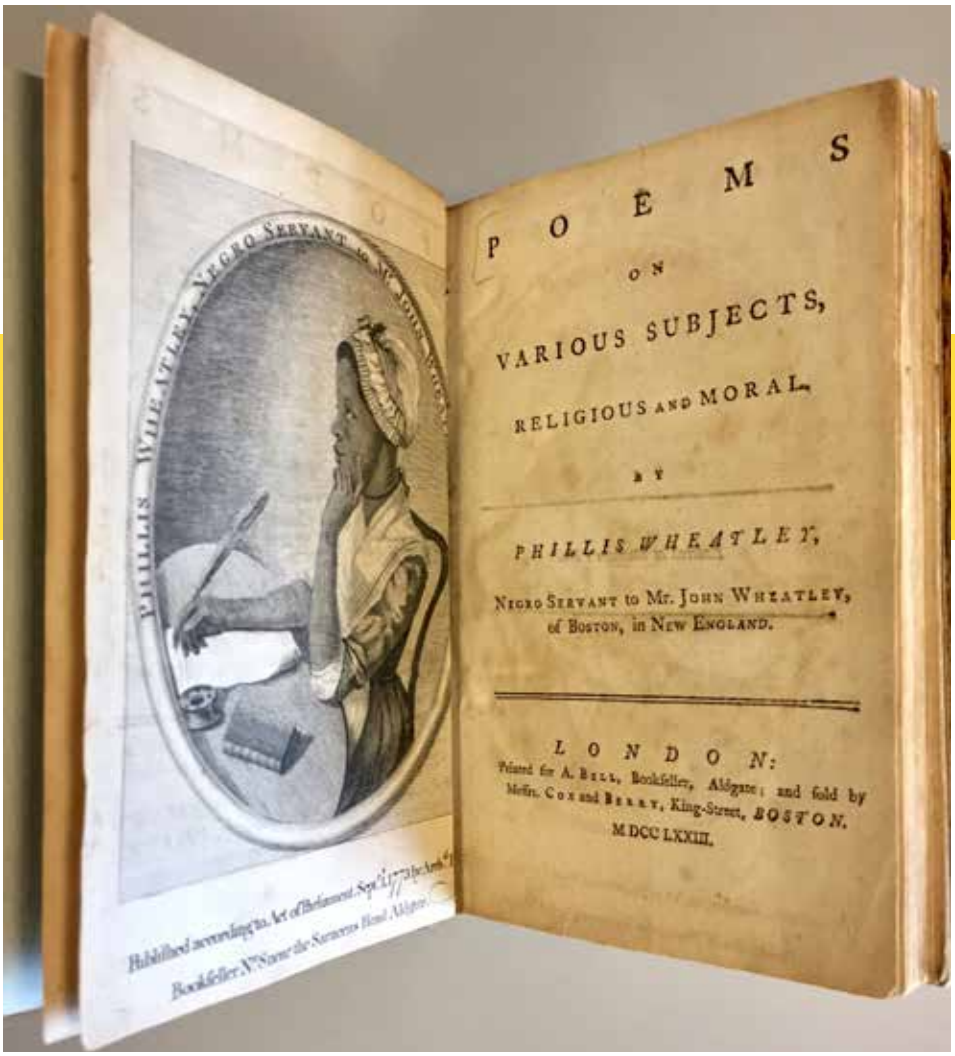
AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN

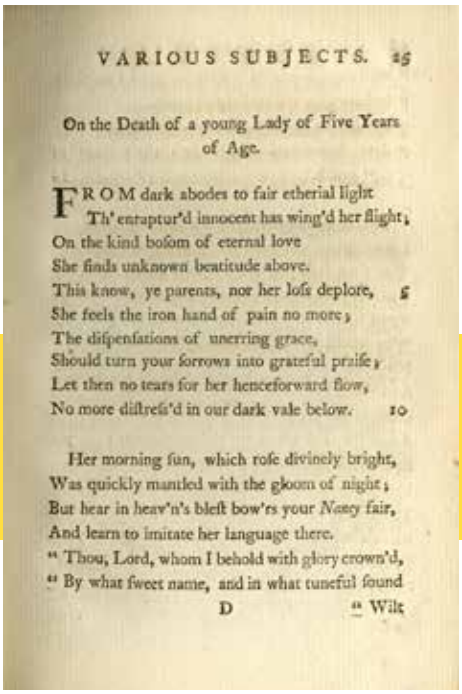
Tuesday, February 15, 6:30 p.m. | Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

The National African American Read-In is the nation's first and oldest event dedicated to diversity in literature. It was established in 1990 by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month. This initiative has reached more than six million participants around the world.

Bring the family — this event is for all ages!

Registration is required for the in-person event. Visit prattlibrary.org for more information.





VARIOUS SUBJECTS. 25

On the Death of a young Lady of Five Years of Age.

FROM dark abodes to fair etherial light
Th' enraptur'd innocent has wing'd her flight,
On the kind bosom of eternal love
She finds unknown beatitude above.
This know, ye parents, nor her loss deplore, 5
She feels the iron hand of pain no more;
The dispensations of unerring grace,
Should turn your sorrows into grateful praise;
Let then no tears for her henceforward flow,
No more distress'd in our dark vale below. 10

Her morning sun, which rose divinely bright,
Was quickly mantled with the gloom of night;
But hear in heav'n's blest bow'rs your *Nancy* fair,
And learn to imitate her language there.
" Thou, Lord, whom I behold with glory crown'd,
" By what sweet name, and in what tuneful sound

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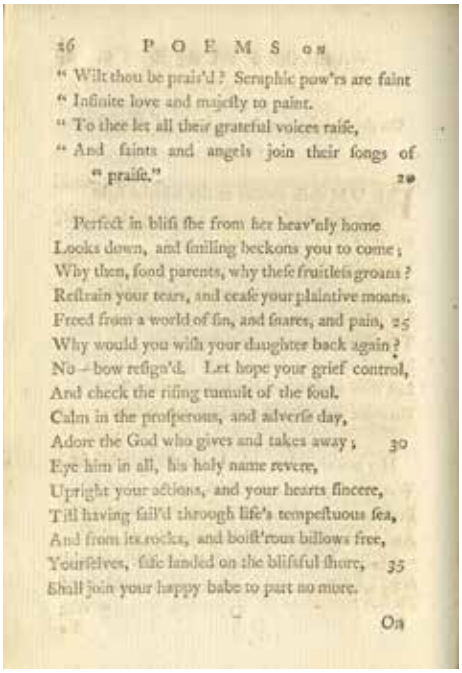

26 POEMS ON

" Wilt thou be prais'd? Seraphic pow'rs are faint
" Infinite love and majesty to paint.
" To thee let all their grateful voices raise,
" And saints and angels join their songs of
" praise." 20

Perfect in bliss she from her heav'nly home
Looks down, and smiling beckons you to come;
Why then, fond parents, why these fruitless groans?
Restrain your tears, and cease your plaintive moans.
Freed from a world of sin, and snares, and pain, 25
Why would you wish your daughter back again?
No – bow resign'd. Let hope your grief control,
And check the rising tumult of the soul.
Calm in the prosperous, and adverse day,
Adore the God who gives and takes away; 30
Eye him in all, his holy name revere,
Upright your actions, and your hearts sincere,
Till having sail'd through life's tempestuous sea,
And from its rocks, and boist'rous billows free,
Yourselves, safe landed on the blissful shore, 35
Shall join your happy babe to part no more.

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Photos of the poem "On the Death of a Young Lady of Five Years of Age" courtesy of University of South Carolina. Irvin Department of Rare Books and Special Collections

CELEBRATING THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN POET PUBLISHED IN AMERICA

Two-hundred-and-sixty-years ago, the slave ship *Phillis* that transported poet Phillis Wheatley Peters docked at the Boston Harbor. Born c.1753, she was seized from the Senegambian region when she was seven or eight. Her birth name is not known: she was assigned the name of the Middle Passage ship; Wheatley came from the man who enslaved her; and Peters is her married name. Although her early years are unknown, much is known of the history and culture of the area she came from, leading to the suggestion that Wheatley Peters was a literate and schooled Fulani when seized.

Having been literate, not a blank slate, Wheatley Peters mastered English, Latin, and the classics with expertise in poetic forms, Scripture, history, and grief.

She wrote "On the Death of a Young Lady of Five Years of Age" to grieving parents, counseling that with death comes freedom from the pain and suffering of a life: "She feels the iron hand of pain no more.... / Freed from a world of sin, and snares, and pain, / Why would you wish your daughter back again? / But hear in heav'n's blest bow'rs your Nancy fair, / And learn to imitate her language there."

Visit the Special Collections Department to see this poem in her 1773 *Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral* (pictured right) — the first volume of poetry by an African American published in modern times. Her portrait is attributed to Scipio Moorhead, an African artist then enslaved.

Did you know all the treasures in the Pratt Library Special Collections are available for you to see?

Just call 443-984-2450 or email spc@prattlibrary.org to schedule your visit today.

Past *Chicory* covers

REBUILDING AN ICONIC BALTIMORE MICROPHONE FOR THE PEOPLE

THE PAST:

Baltimore is a city with a rich and layered literary lineage. One of those incredible pieces of history happened right here at the Pratt Library. *Chicory* was launched in 1966 by local poet Sam Cornish, and grown out of a program set up by the Library in conjunction with Community Action Neighborhood Centers. The literary magazine was published up to 10 times a year from 1966-1983. Submissions which included poetry, prose, and art, were simply accepted or rejected from publishing, never edited.

The goal of *Chicory* was "to publish work overheard by the editors which reflect the music and feeling of language in the inner city; to encourage more spoken and written comment by people in the community action area; and to inform other people within and without that area of a way of living." In 1969, the *Baltimore Afro-American* newspaper described it as "the most authentic microphone of black people talking ever devised."

Chicory gave a voice to the voiceless, and the magazine subsequently expanded its readership by providing poetry workshops and readings, creating an artistic documentation of everything including Baltimore neighborhoods, politics, spirituality, and the arts, among others.

Today, readers can view all the issues of *Chicory* on the Pratt's Digital Maryland platform. *Chicory* was digitized in 2017 thanks to funding from Rutgers-Newark's History Department with help from Associate Professor Mary Rizzo.

THE PRESENT:

Chicory is coming back to the Pratt. Coordinated by staff of the Pratt Central Library Earl Teen Center for Learning and Leadership, the magazine will be published as a journal of Baltimore's youth voices. The first issue will be released in September 2022. The Pratt staff aims to revitalize it in a way that includes the original mission of amplifying youth voices.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS:

WHO: Baltimore City residents ages 11 – 21
WHAT: Art, Poetry/prose, short stories or essays (no more than 300 words)
Please include name, email or phone number, address, & age.
WHEN: Submissions accepted February – July 1, 2022.
HOW: Email teen@prattlibrary.org or mail your submission to
Teen Department
400 Cathedral St
Baltimore, MD 21209

Submissions must not include slanderous language, hate speech, swear words, or racist remarks. Submissions will be accepted based on space allowed, readability, and above required information.

Find out more information at prattlibrary.org/chicory

OUR STORIES, OUR VOICES: TEEN BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT

Saturday, February 12, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Central Library

Celebrate Black History Month in the Teen Center with a day filled with three amazing events just for teens!

DEWMORE BALTIMORE PRESENTS... POETRY AS MENTAL HEALTH
1:30 – 3:00 p.m. | In person & Virtual
Led by DewMore poets, an open discussion and writing session on how Black poets can hold space for mental and spiritual health. How can you amplify mindfulness, and develop presence and awareness through writing? We will discuss and practice writing through the lens of Black cultural traditions and creative practices.

SOLE WASH
SNEAKER CUSTOMIZATION & EXHIBIT
1:30 – 3:00 p.m. | In person & Virtual
Join Nichole, founder of Sole Wash and sneakHER historian, for a Black history-inspired sneaker exhibit and presentation on the Black artist sneaker movement. You'll get a hands-on demonstration in the basics of sneaker customization.

YOUR STORIES, YOUR VOICES
OPEN MIC EVENT
3:00 – 4:30 p.m. | In person
Music, spoken word, dance — it's all welcome at this teen open mic event mc'd by DewMore Baltimore poets, and inspired by Black history. We have musical instruments on hand if needed (drum kit, keyboard, bongos, acoustic guitar, ukelele).

In-person space is limited, REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Sign up at prattlibrary.org to choose your events. For questions and info, please contact the Teen Center at: teen@prattlibrary.org or 410-396-5486.

TEENS

Take & Make: Reading Par-Tea!
January 3 – 31 | Cherry Hill
Teens can celebrate National Tea Month by picking up a tea sampler set. Each set will include information on the types of teas and respective brewing instructions, as well as a list of YA books to pair with each tea flavor. All teas will be herbal or decaffeinated.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

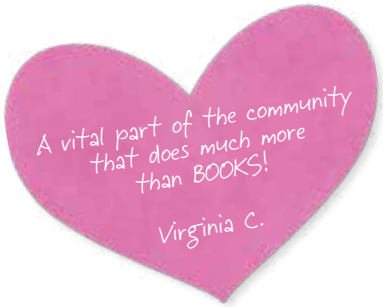
Healthy Little Cooks: Power Up Your Food!
Tuesday, January 11, 4:30 p.m. | Virtual
Power up to hydrate! When you sweat, you lose vital nutrients that you need to replenish to continue your physical activity and stay hydrated. Gone are the days of high sugary sports drinks as you are sure to love this fresh take on a healthier option. Come and find out exactly how to replenish the vital nutrients you lose during physical activity.

Charm City Cakes: Zoo Animal Cupcakes
Thursday, January 13, 4:00 p.m. | Virtual
Join Charm City Cakes for a virtual decorating experience taught by one of their instructors via Zoom! Learn how to decorate your set of cupcakes to look like your favorite zoo animals. Your kit will have all of the fondant, extra buttercream, and basic tools you need to make your own awesome cupcake creation! This virtual program is limited to 12 participants and pre-registration is required. To register and reserve your kit, call the Northwood branch at 410-396-6076.

Healthy Little Cooks: Power Up Your Food!
Tuesday, February 8, 4:30 p.m. | Virtual
In February, we'll power up to move! Do you ever get a rush of energy and don't know where it came from? Join Healthy Little Cooks and learn how to fuel your body and get it ready to be at peak performance. We will navigate through food that gives you a natural boost of energy without high sugar content. More moving, less crash.

Take & Make: Solar Oven S'Mores
February 7 – 28 | Reisterstown Rd.
Use the power of the sun and household items to make s'mores! Supplies provided are kosher.

Charm City Cakes: Junk Food Cupcakes
Saturday, February 12, 11:00 a.m. | Virtual
Join Charm City Cakes for a virtual decorating experience taught by one of their instructors via Zoom! Learn how to decorate your set of cupcakes to look like your favorite junk foods. Your kit will have all of the fondant, extra buttercream, and basic tools you need to make your own awesome cupcake creation! This virtual program is limited to 12 participants and pre-registration is required. To register and reserve your kit, call the Light Street Branch at 410-396-1096.



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PRATT TEST KITCHEN PRESENTS TONI TIPTON-MARTIN

Wednesday, February 23, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Central Hall & Virtual

Join award-winning food and nutrition journalist Toni Tipton-Martin for an in-person and virtual event celebrating her life and work.

Tipton-Martin is a culinary journalist and author using cultural heritage and cooking to build community. She is Editor-in-Chief of *Cook's Country* by America's Test Kitchen, a PBS television show host, a two-time James Beard Award winner for her books on African American cooking, and she recently was awarded the prestigious Julia Child Award, which is given to an individual (or team) who has made a profound and significant difference in the way America cooks, eats, and drinks.

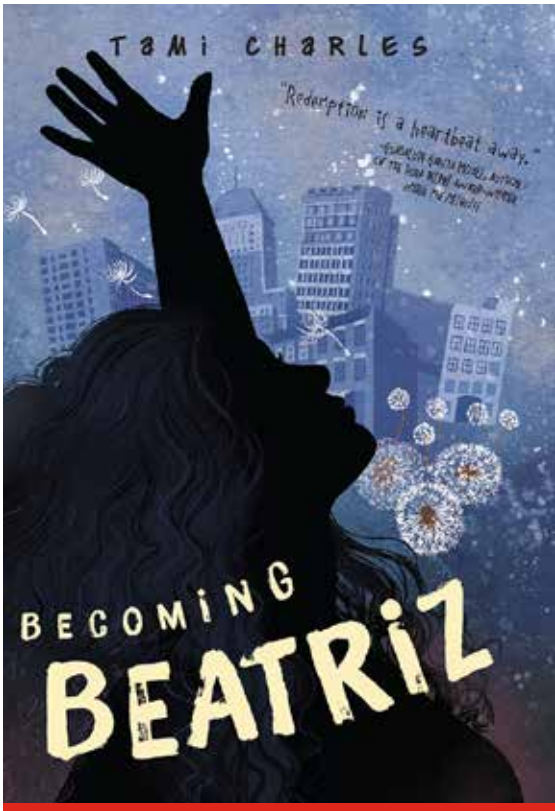
Toni's latest book, *Jubilee: Recipes From Two Centuries of African American Cooking*, brings to life 125 dishes from the African American cookbooks in her rare collection through breath-taking photography and engaging storytelling. *Jubilee* is a James Beard Award winner, earned the IACP (International Association of Culinary Professionals) Book of the Year Award, and was named one of the "Cookbooks You Need for 2020" by the *New York Times*.

This FREE event will be presented in-person and virtually, registration required for in-person event.

ONE BOOK BALTIMORE

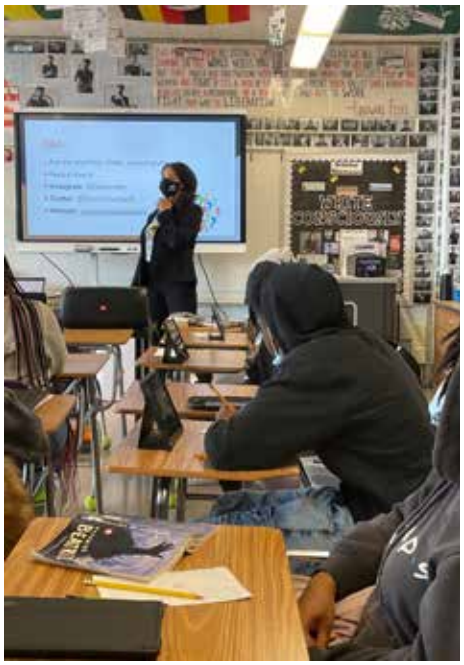
One Book Baltimore 2021–22 writer Tami Charles spent three days in early December visiting Baltimore City Schools classrooms. Nearly 300 students attended the events after reading One Book Baltimore selection, *Becoming Beatriz*. Charles said her mind was blown by how amazing the students and teachers were and that she was grateful for the opportunity to spend time with them.

Pictures are courtesy of Baltimore City Public Schools.



THE 2021 SELECTION FOR ONE BOOK BALTIMORE IS *BECOMING BEATRIZ* BY TAMI CHARLES.

Check out a copy from your local branch today!



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PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Some programs require registration, to register, call the branch or visit calendar.prattlibrary.org

CENTRAL LIBRARY

Register for programs at Central by calling 410-396-5486

You, Out Loud! Multimedia Self-Expression for Teens

Tuesdays, starting January 25, 4:00 p.m.
Learn the tools to create your own multimedia works like vlogs, podcasts, and music! No experience or supplies required. This is a hybrid program and pre-registration is required.

Beginner Sewing Workshop for Teens

Thursdays, January 6 – February 10, 4:00 p.m.
Saturdays, January 8 – February 5, 2:00 p.m.
Learn the basics of sewing in this 6-week introductory course (choose your session: Thursdays or Saturdays) with Blou Harrison of Blou Studios. This hybrid program has limited space and pre-registration is required.

FREE SAT Prep Workshop & Practice Test

Saturday, January 8 & 22, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 15, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
In this hybrid workshop for ages 14 and up, you will learn strategies and methods for reaching your highest potential score in each section of the SAT. Take a free SAT practice test on Jan. 15, followed by a test review session on Jan. 22. Pre-registration is required.

Teen Check-In at the Pratt

Thursdays, January 13 & February 10, 4:30 p.m.
Teens (grades 7+), please join us for once a month meetups to discuss everything from how to have healthy, safe relationships to relieving stress and learning to manage your emotions. This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required.

Learn to Sight-Read Music for Teens

Saturdays, February 5 & 19, 3:00 p.m.
Join Jonnathan Paris-Santana, Peabody-trained audio engineer, in this beginner program for teens (age 12 – 19) to learn sight-reading sheet music. This hybrid program has limited space and pre-registration is required.

EDMONDSON AVE.

Register for programs at Edmondson Ave. by calling 410-396-0946

Teen Graphic Novel Book Club

Wednesdays, January 12 & February 2, 2:00 p.m.
Attention graphic novel and manga enthusiasts! Join us for icebreakers, the month's book discussion, and a book raffle. This hybrid program has limited in-person spaces and requires pre-registration.

FOREST PARK

Register for programs at Forest Park by calling 410-396-0942.

Forest Park Anime Club

Wednesdays, January 5 & February 2, 3:30 p.m.
Watch Anime, craft, and play games based on your favorites. This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required.

HAMILTON

Register for programs at Hamilton by calling 410-396-6088

Video Game Night

Fridays, January 7 & February 4, 2:45 p.m.
Compete against your friends on the PS4, Xbox 1, or Nintendo Switch! For teens ages 11 – 17. This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required.

SELF (Safety, Emotions, Loss Future)

Mondays, January 27 – February 17, 2:45 p.m.
SELF groups are a way to organize our experiences after potentially overwhelming situations. Common topics that come up include experiences at school and with other young people, resolving conflict, managing stress, plans for the future, feeling safe or unsafe, and dealing with changes in life. This is a four week series open to teens ages 11 – 17. This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required.

HAMPDEN

Register for programs at Hampden by calling 410-396-6043

Hampden Branch Art Club

Monday, January 3, 4:00 p.m.
Learn about the Congressional Art Competition and start preparing your pieces for entry! This indoor program is limited to 10 participants and pre-registration is required.

HERRING RUN

Register for programs at Herring Run by calling 410-396-0996

Teen Game Night

Wednesday, January 12 & February 9, 3:30 p.m.
Join us for a night of gaming! Enjoy video game favorites on the Wii and Playstation 3. This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required.

LIGHT STREET

Kitchen Science

Tuesday, February 15, 3:30 p.m.
Utilize math and science skills to conduct an experiment or make a tasty treat.

PROFESSIONAL LIFE WORKSHOPS

GET THAT JOB! WORKSHOPS FOR TEENS

Tuesday, January 11, February 1 & 22
4:30 p.m. | Central Library, Earl Teen Center
Learn how to create (or fine-tune) your resume, even if you have little to no job experience! Create a professional cover letter, and/or practice those interview skills! Join us and learn for FREE from Charmanique Anderson, professional resume writer, career coach, and speaker!
January 11: Resume Writing
February 1: Cover Letters
February 22: Interview Prep (Part 1 — Part 2 will be held on March 1)
For teens in grades 10 – 12. This is a hybrid program. Registration required, space is limited. For more info, contact the Teen Center at: teen@prattlibrary.org or 410-396-5486.

RESUMES 101

Thursday, January 27, 4:00 p.m.
Walbrook
Are you a teen looking to get a job for after school or during the summer? We will discuss what is best to highlight in resumes, look through different formats, and begin crafting a resume that suits you. This indoor program is limited to 6 participants and pre-registration is required. To register, call 443-984-4933.

COVER LETTERS 101

Thursday, February 24, 4:00 p.m.
Walbrook
Are you a teen looking to get a job for after school or during the summer? We will discuss the use of a cover letter, the differences to highlight in a cover letter versus a resume, and begin crafting your own cover letter. This indoor program is limited to 6 participants and pre-registration is required. To register, please call 443-984-4933.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Due to the evolving health restrictions, library programs may be moved to a virtual platform. Please check **prattlibrary.org** before attending a library program.

CENTRAL

Register for programs at Central by calling the Children's Department at 410-396-5402

Nature Play Drop In

Mondays, January 3 – 31, 4:00 p.m.
(except Jan. 17)
Activities inspired by the great outdoors. If room capacity is met, families may wait a short time for space or take home a matching take & make kit.

Art Explorers: Paper Sculptures

Wednesdays, January 5 – 26
11:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.
Explore an art form each month. Register for a time slot in order to participate in person or pick up a take & make kit.

The Drawing Zoo

Saturday, January 15, 3:00 p.m.
Join Brittany Roger from The Drawing Zoo for a drawing workshop, perfect for all ages and abilities! This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required.

Art Explorers Gallery Reception

Saturdays, January 29 & February 26, 2:00 p.m.
For children and families, tour displays of children's artwork and meet other young artists who participated in the Art Explorers program.

Art Explorers: Printmaking

Wednesdays, February 2 – 23
11:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.
Explore an art form each month. Register for a time slot in order to participate in person or pick up a take & make kit.

BROOKLYN

Register for programs at Brooklyn by calling 410-396-1120

Penguin Day

Thursday, January 20, 3:00 p.m.
Celebrate National Penguin Awareness Day with games, stories, songs and activities! This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required.

National Wetlands Storytime

Thursday, February 3, 3:00 p.m.
Celebrate National Wetland Awareness Day with a wetland themed storytime and activity centers! This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required.

CANTON

Register for programs at Canton by calling 410-396-8548

Sock Snowman

Monday, January 10, 4:00 p.m.
Make a cuddly snowman! This indoor program is limited to 15 participants, and pre-registration is required.

Dinosaur Madness

Thursdays, February 10, 4:00 p.m.
Explore the world of dinosaurs by making fossils, designing your own dinosaur, and building a dinosaur diorama.

3D Sculptures

Monday, February 28, 4:00 p.m.
Build a 3D sculpture from foam and recycled materials. This indoor program is limited to 15 participants, and pre-registration is required.

CHERRY HILL

Register for programs at Cherry Hill by calling 410-396-1168

Musical Storytelling with the Mount Vernon Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra

Wednesday, February 9, 11:00 a.m.
Join us for a musical story and an introduction to the world of classical music.

HAMILTON

Register for programs at Hamilton by calling 410-396-6088

Puzzle Day

Friday, January 28, 3:00 p.m.
Try out lots of different puzzles and make one of your own. This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required.

The Electric Slide and Kai Book Share and Line Dancing

Wednesday, February 16, 3:00 p.m.
Join us for a read-aloud of The Electric Slide and Kai *by Kelly J. Baptist! After the book is done, we will practice a few different line dances. This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required.*

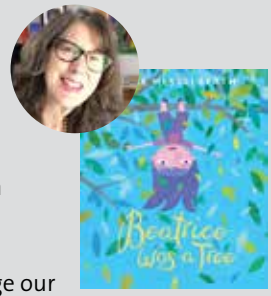
HAMPDEN

Register for programs at Hampden by calling 410-396-6043

Family Storytime

Thursdays, January 6, 20 & February 17
11:00 a.m.
For families with children ages 2 – 5. All abilities welcome. This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required.

KIDS WRITERS LIVE!



JOYCE HESSELBERTH
Wednesday, February 2, 3:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor

Join author/illustrator Joyce Hesselberth as she reads her new book, *Beatrice Was a Tree*, published by Greenwillow Books (HarperCollins). Afterward, we will collage our own trees. What kind of tree would you be?

Joyce Hesselberth is an author, illustrator, and educator. Her books for children include *Mapping Sam*, *Pitter Pattern*, and most recently *Beatrice Was a Tree*. She teaches illustration at Maryland Institute College of Art.

This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required. To register, please call 410-396-1580.

CAROLE BOSTON WEATHERFORD
Thursday, February 17, 6:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Baltimore native and Newbery Honor-winner Carole Boston Weatherford profiles hometown hero Elijah Cummings in *The Faith of Elijah Cummings: The North Star of Equal Justice*. This new children's book focuses on breaking barriers, serving others and leading for change.

This event will include time for Q&A. Have a question for Carole Boston Weatherford that you'd like answered during the program? Email your question(s) to events@prattlibrary.org.

Program attendees will also learn how they can win a copy of *The Faith of Elijah Cummings: The North Star of Equal Justice*.

LIGHT STREET
Register for programs at Light St. by calling 410-396-1096

Musical Storytelling with the Mount Vernon Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra
Wednesday, February 2, 11:00 a.m.
Join us for a musical story and an introduction to the world of classical music.

NORTHWOOD
Register for programs at Northwood by calling 410-396-6076

STEAM Storytime: Rainbows
Wednesday, January 12, 10:30 a.m.
Learn about colors and rainbows! This indoor program is limited to 10 participants ages 3+ and pre-registration is required.

How to Journal
Monday, February 28, 3:30 p.m.
Get prompts to help you write about your feelings, then decorate a journal. This indoor program is limited to 10 participants and pre-registration is required.

PATTERSON PARK
Register for programs at Patterson Park by calling 410-396-0983

Family Storytime
Wednesdays, January 5 – February 23
11:00 a.m.
For families with children ages 2 – 5. All abilities welcome. This indoor program is limited to 20 participants, and pre-registration is required.

Sock Planters
Tuesday, January 11, 3:30 p.m.
Learn about plants, make your own planter, and get the supplies to grow seeds at home. This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required.

REISTERSTOWN ROAD
Register for programs at Reisterstown Rd. by calling 410-396-0948

Fluffy Slime
Tuesday, January 18, 3:30 p.m.
This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required.

ROLAND PARK
Register for programs at Roland Park by calling 410-396-6099

Early Release Crafternoon: Snow Day Craft and Story
Wednesdays, January 12, 12:30 p.m.
We will read A Sled for Gabo *by Emma Otheguy as we work on a related craft. This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required.*

SOUTHEAST ANCHOR
Register for programs at Southeast Anchor by calling 410-396-1580

Create Your Own Hero
Wednesday, February 16, 3:30 p.m.
Create a hero mask. This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required.

WASHINGTON VILLAGE
Register for programs at Washington Village by calling 410-396-1099

Family Storytime
Wednesdays, January 12 & February 9
11:00 a.m.
This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required.

All About Polar Bears!
Monday, February 28, 3:30 p.m.
Children will learn about polar bears, make a fun craft, and conduct a science experiment that tests how these arctic bears keep warm. This indoor program is limited to 10 participants and pre-registration is required.

WAVERLY
Register for programs at Waverly by calling 410-396-6053

DIY Snowman Snowglobes
Saturday, January 15, 3:00 p.m.
This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required.

Music with Mr. Jon
Friday, February 11, 10:30 a.m.
Join Mr. Jon for live music, silly songs, movement, and fun. This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required.

Imagination Celebration

April 2022

Don't miss out on the fun! Featuring in-person, virtual, and hybrid events; Take & Makes; scavenger hunts; StoryWalks®; and Imagination Kits. Check prattlibrary.org/imagine for more information.

LUNAR NEW YEAR

Take & Makes are available on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last.

CELEBRATE LUNAR NEW YEAR
Monday, January 31, 3:30 pm
Washington Village
Enjoy a story about the Chinese Zodiac animals and make a dancing dragon puppet. This indoor program has limited space and pre-registration is required. To register, please call 410-396-1099.

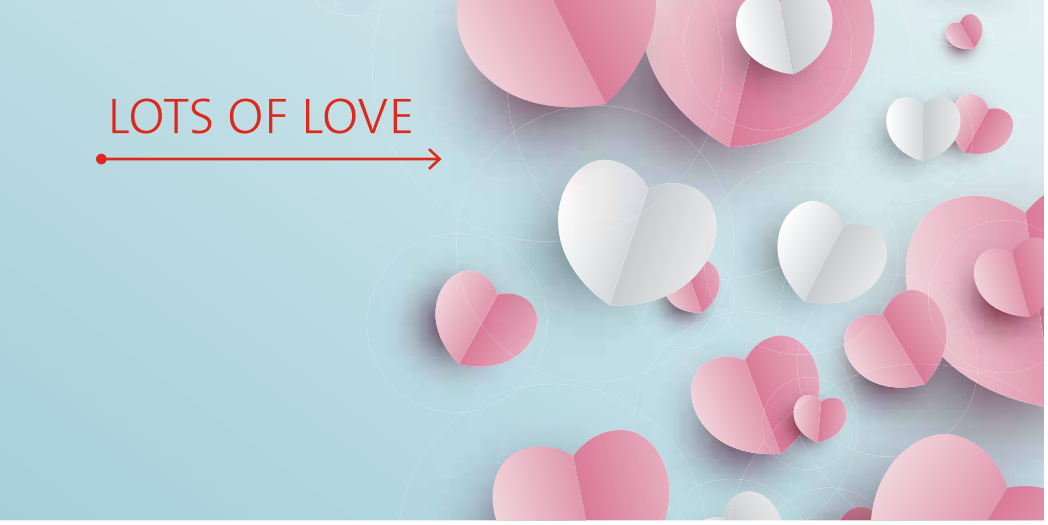
TAKE & MAKE: LUNAR NEW YEAR
February 1 – 28 | Central Library
Welcome the Lunar New Year with your very own lion dancer puppet and paper lantern crafts!

YEAR OF THE (BANANYA) TIGER ANIME KITS
February 1 – 28 | Forest Park
We're highlighting Bananya for this Lunar New Year with a family-friendly watch list and accompanying activity. Take home your own DIY banana cat anime charm kit to bring you luck in the new year.

TAKE & MAKE: WISHING YOU LUCK IN THE YEAR OF THE TIGER!
February 1 – 28 | Roland Park
Make your own Lunar New Year lantern to usher in the Year of the Tiger.

CELEBRATE LUNAR NEW YEAR
Tuesday, February 1, 3:30 p.m.
Patterson Park
Make paper lanterns and a dragon craft. This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required. To register, please call 410-396-0983.

EARLY RELEASE CRAFTERNOON: WISHING YOU LUCK IN THE YEAR OF THE TIGER!
Wednesday, February 2, 12:30 p.m.
Roland Park
We will enjoy a story as we create our own Lunar New Year lantern. This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required. To register, please call 410-396-6099.



ADULTS

Take & Make: Ceramic Heart
February 1 – 12 | Reisterstown Rd.
This assortment of ceramic craft supplies features heart shapes with raised designs like polka dots and stripes. Call 410-396-0948 to request your kit.

We Slay Book Club: *Instructions for Dancing* by Nicola Yoon
Saturday, February 12, 2:00 p.m. | Virtual

Film: *If Beale Street Could Talk*
Monday, February 14, 4:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
African-American teen sweethearts Fonny and Tish are ripped apart when Fonny is wrongly arrested for the rape of a Puerto Rican woman because of the machinations of a racist cop. A pregnant Tish relies on her Harlem community while seeking justice for Fonny. Rated R. Closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

TEENS

Take & Make: Be Your Own Valentine Origami Garland
February 1 – 28 | Brooklyn
Show yourself some love with our take-home craft kit which has everything you need to make a heart garland celebrating your awesomeness!

Take & Make: Breakup Survival Kit
February 1 – 28 | Hampden
Going through a breakup or just need an extra dose of self-love? Pick up a Breakup Survival kit featuring fun activities, self-care tips, and book and movie recommendations perfect for an emotional pick-me-up regardless of relationship status!

Take & Make: Bouquet of Duct Tape Rose Pens
February 1 – 28 | Southeast Anchor
Turn ordinary pens into beautiful roses. Give the final product to someone as a fun Valentine's gift or keep it for yourself!

Valentine's Day Momento Craft Box
Wednesday, February 9, 3:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Create a one-of-a-kind box to hold tokens from your valentine using Valentine's themed décor, mod podge, and a little "spark." This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required. Register at prattlibrary.org or call the Edmondson Avenue Branch at 410-396-0946.

Take & Make: Icy Heart Science Experiment
February 10 – 25 | Washington Village
Teens can pick up a science kit that will literally melt their icy heart! The kit will include ingredients and instructions for three different science experiments, all that will melt a frozen heart in unique ways.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Take & Make: Valentine's Day Craft Kit
February 1 – 14 | Hampden
Celebrate your loved ones this Valentine's Day with a craft kit perfect for kids and families!

Take & Make: You Make My Heart Flutter Valentine Fan
February 7 – 14 | Govans

Bilingual Spanish/English Storytime
Saturday, February 12, 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Waverly
Join the Johns Hopkins University's Undergraduate OLE Latinx Student Group for bilingual stories, movement, songs, and our most fun activities. This event's theme is Valentine's Day! For families with children ages 2 – 11. This indoor program has limited capacity. To register, please call the Waverly Branch at 410-396-6053.

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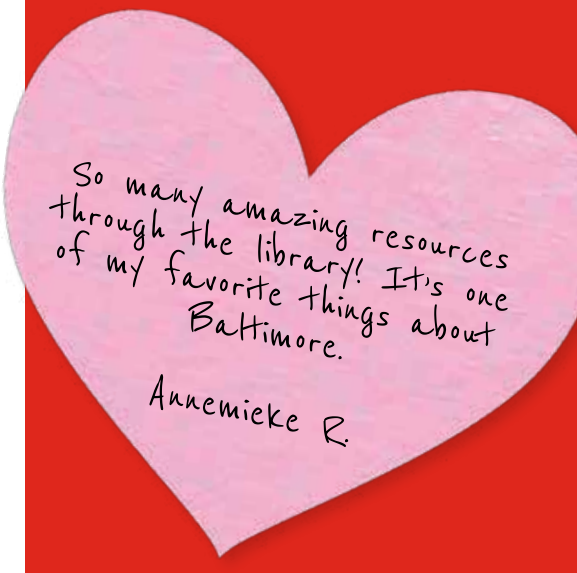
From clippers to coping strategies, Troy Staton has expanded what it means to be a barber shop. His program called More Than A Shop provides literacy help, health screenings, art shows, and more at a dozen barber shops and salons, making Baltimore better one haircut at a time. Find more episodes of the Pratt's award-winning podcast at prattlibrary.org/bmorepodcast



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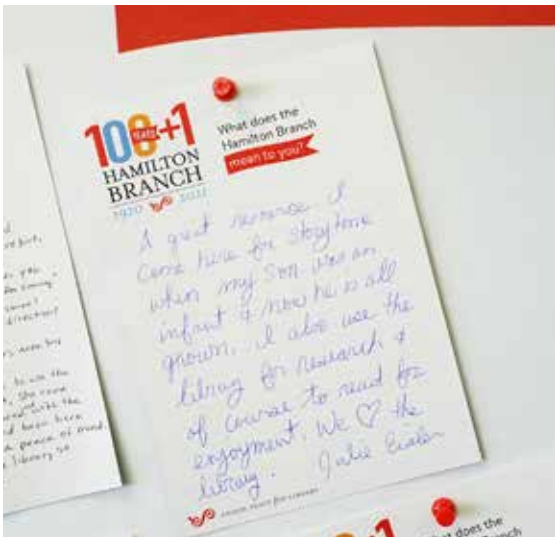
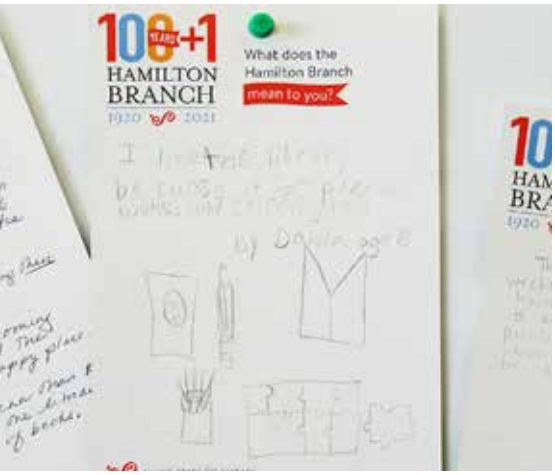
HAMILTON COURTYARD CELEBRATION

On November 6, the Pratt Library's Hamilton Branch celebrated the reopening of its newly renovated courtyard. Pratt CEO Heidi Daniel said, "I can't wait to see this space used for library programs, for families to enjoy, and for students and others to use the free Wi-Fi the Pratt offers around the clock in a safe space." The renovated courtyard was made possible by the generosity of donors to the Pratt Library Branch Improvement Fund. The Hamilton branch also celebrated its 101st birthday. Thank you to all who came out to celebrate.





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